

Charter Oak Pass

Description:

The Charter Oak Pass provides Connecticut residents age 65 or older free access to Connecticut State Parks and Forests. The Charter Oak Pass may be used at all day use areas in Connecticut State Parks and Forest Recreation Areas. These areas include Gillette Castle, Dinosaur State Park, Fort Trumbull State Park, Quinebaug Valley Hatchery fishing ponds as well as boat launching areas. It is not valid for camping.

Only one pass per vehicle is generally required for parking; the pass holder does not have to be the driver. To enter Gillette Castle, Dinosaur State Park, Quinebaug Valley Hatchery and Fort Trumbull, however, each person must present a pass to gain entrance.

The Charter Oak Pass is a life-use pass for which no fee is charged.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

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- Must be age 65 or older.
- Must be a Connecticut resident.
- Must provide proof of age and residency. A legible photocopy of a person's current driver's license or legal proof of age and residency should be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection. Do not send originals.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

N/A

Contact Information:

To receive additional information about the program or to apply by mail:

Department of Environmental Protection
Charter Oak Pass, State Parks Division
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127
Telephone: 860-424-3200
Fax: 860-424-4070
Website: www.ct.gov/dep

To apply in person, individuals may visit the following locations:

DEP State Parks Division
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Telephone: 860-424-3200
Monday – Friday; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

DEP Eastern District Headquarters
209 Hebron Road
Marlborough, CT 06447
Telephone: 860-295-9523
Monday – Friday; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

DEP Western District Headquarters
230 Plymouth Road
Harwinton, CT 06791
Telephone: 860-485-0226
Monday – Friday; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

DEP Office of Boating
333 Ferry Road
Old Lyme, CT 06371
Telephone: 860-564-7542
Monday – Friday; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Dinosaur State Park
400 West Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
Telephone: 860-529-5816
Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park
57 Fort Street
Groton, CT 06340
Daily; 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
(Memorial Day through Columbus Day)
Telephone: 860-449-6877

Fort Trumbull State Park
90 Walbach Street
New London, CT 06320
Telephone: 860-444-7591
Monday – Friday; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
(Memorial Day through Columbus Day)
Harkness Memorial State Park

275 Great Neck Road
Waterford, CT 06385
Telephone: 860-443-5725
Monday – Friday; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sherwood Island State Park
Green Farms, CT 06436
P.O. Box 188
Telephone: 203-226-6983
Monday – Friday; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sleeping Giant State Park
200 Mount Carmel Avenue
Hamden, CT 06517
Telephone: 203-789-7498
Monday – Friday; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Kellogg Environmental Center
Office of Communications and
Education
500 Hawthorne Avenue
Derby, CT 06418
Telephone: 203-734-2513
Tuesday – Saturday; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Quinebaug Valley Hatchery
Cady Lane
Danielson, CT 06239
Telephone: 860-564-7542
Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Related Information:

[Golden Age Passport, refer to page IV – 12](#)

[Hunting and Fishing Licenses, refer to page IV – 14](#)